

THE HEALTH OF HER MAJESTY'S NAVY. To the numerous valuable volumes of sanitary literature recently presented to the public, has been added a *Statistical Report on the Health of the Royal Navy for 1856*, by Dr. A. Bryson. It has been drawn up exclusively from the returns lodged in the office of the Director-General of the Medical Department of the Royal Navy. The general report divides itself into a series of branch reports on the several stations—viz., the Home, the Mediterranean, the West India, and North American, the East Coast of South America, the Pacific, the West Coast of Africa, the Cape, the "East" Indian and China, and the Australian stations. The total mean force (corrected) at all these stations having been (in 1856) 51,730; the total number of cases on board was 73,195, the number of days sickness on board 814,084, the average number of men sick per diem 2,330.4, the ratio per 1,100 of mean force 43.2; the number of days sickness in hospital 329,235, and the average number of men daily in hospital 902, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 17.4, the total average of sick per diem 3,132.4, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 61.7; the number invalided 998, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 19.3, the number of deaths from disease 629, and from all causes 801, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 15.5, and the number of cases per man 1.4; 9 were killed in action, 61 by accidental hurts, 87 were drowned, 1 was frozen, while 14 committed suicide. The most fatal disease in the force was fever, of which 199 cases were fatal, including 130 of yellow fever. Next to fever consumptive diseases were most fatal, the deaths being in the ratio of 2.7 per 1,000 of mean force. 21.9 per cent. of the deaths arose from diseases of the respiratory organs, 4.9 from diseases of the heart and arteries, and 13.1 from diseases of the alimentary canal. Dysentery is very fatal on the coast of China. The mortality in the whole force from all ordinary causes very little exceeds the mortality in civil life. The aggregate loss of service through wounds and sickness in the entire service, estimated at 51,730 men, was about equal to 3,132 men, or 60.5 per 1,000, which exceeds the loss in the metropolitan and city police by a little more than one-third. This excess is not so great as might have been anticipated, considering that the seaman is more exposed to the weather. However, with all the improvements in the navy, the seaman, even when relieved and allowed to retire to his hammock, can seldom either dry his clothes or obtain, especially in the night-time (when most wanted), any kind of warm food or refreshment. As regards yellow fever, Dr. Bryson thinks that it may be safely predicted that as cholera, cradled in the East, passed westward through Europe to America, so yellow fever, the peculiar scourge of a few warm regions in the West, will travel eastward from America, until it reaches the European communities settled on the banks of the Ganges. Yellow fever has hitherto not been introduced into any region eastward of the Cape of Good Hope. How long it may be excluded from Asia must depend, the doctor thinks, upon the restrictions imposed on infected ships sailing westward from the coast of America to the Polynesian group of islands, and thence to the eastern shores of Asia and New Holland.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE. We have reason for believing that an increase will shortly take place in the medical staff already allowed for service in India, and that additions will be made thereto to the extent of about five staff-surgeons and fifteen staff-assistant-surgeons. (*Homeward Mail*.)

Dr. STORRAR. On the application of Mr. Edward James, Q.C., in the Court of Queen's Bench, on the last day of Michaelmas term (November 25), a rule *nisi* was granted for the issue of an information in the nature of a writ of *quo warranto*, against Dr. Storrar, as representative of the University of London on the Medical Council.

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